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APPLICANT: JORGE A. MORANDO

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EXAMINER:

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ART UNIT:

FOR: HIGH VELOCITY PRESTRESSED SHAFT FOR DEGASSER
OR PUMPING APPLICATION IN MOLTEN METAL

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102 (c)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents to make special the above-identified patent application. The basis for the Petition is that applicant is 68 years of age. In accordance with MPEP 708.02 IV a Declaration pertaining to his birth date is attached. In view of the above, applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted, and the Examination of the application be advanced.

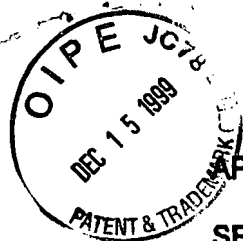
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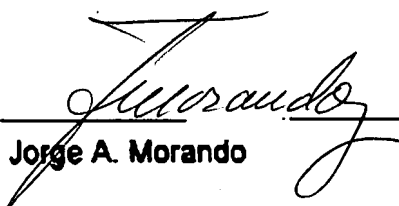
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DECLARATION OF JORGE A. MORANDO

Jorge A. Morando states:

1. I am the applicant and inventor of the above-captioned application.
2. I am 68 years of age, and was born on March 17, 1931.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registrations issuing.

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Jorge A. Morando

Date: